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RE: New C.I.P. Patent Application in U.S.  
Francesco COLOTTA et al.  
Atty's Docket: COLOTTA=1A

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a continuation-in-part patent application entitled **INTERLEUKIN-1 ANTAGONISTS, DNA ENCODING SAME, AND ANTIBODIES THERETO**. The inventors are Francesco COLOTTA, Marta MUZIO and Alberto MANTOVANI. Priority under 35 USC §119 is claimed from Italian application no. MI 94A 002097, filed 13 October 1994. This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application 08/476,860, filed on 07 June 1995, now pending.

Attached are the specification (42 pages), including 12 claims (1 independent) and an abstract, plus 6 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-6), an Information Disclosure Statement with 1449 (3), and a return postcard. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(a) and (b), it is respectfully requested that a serial number and filing date be assigned to this application as of the date of receipt of the present papers. In accordance with the present procedures of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, an executed Declaration and the filing fee for the present application will be filed in due course.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> No authorization is given for charging the filing fee at the present time. However, at such time that the declaration is filed, but not before, you are authorized to charge whatever excess fees are necessary (including the filing fee and any extension of time fees then due) to Deposit Account 02-4035, if any such fees due are not fully covered by check filed at that time.

In re of COLOTTA=1

The attached specification includes a paper copy Sequence Listing section according to 37 CFR §1.821(c) as pages 29-39. Also attached hereto is a 3 1/2" floppy disk containing the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form in accordance with 37 CFR §1.821(e). I hereby state, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.821(f), that the content of the paper and computer readable copies of the sequence listing, submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are believed to be the same.

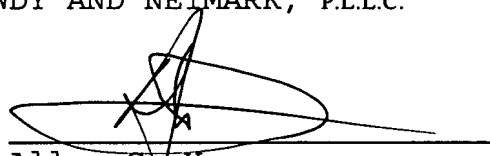
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